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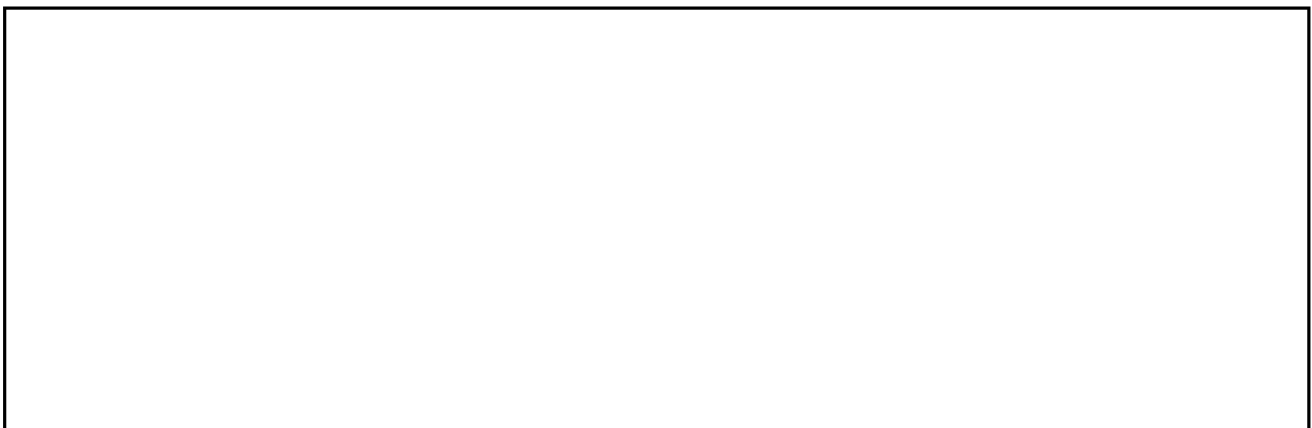
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

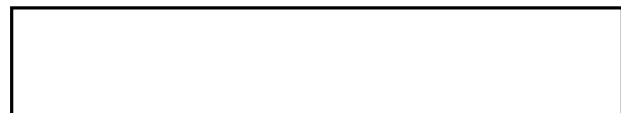
SUBJECT : Briefings Regarding U. S. Satellite Reconnaissance Capability

1. At a restricted session during the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) Meeting on 17 January, Mr. McCone, in referring to briefings based on recent National Intelligence Estimates which he had given during the past few days to certain congressional committees (copies of which would be provided to USIB members), said that his remarks to the Mahon Subcommittee had briefly referred to satellite photography as an important input. However, the DCI explained that his statement was confined to a reference to the Secretary of State, at a briefing of North Atlantic Council Members in October, having said that intelligence estimates are based in part on the product of satellite photography, and this operation is being pursued by us and is improving and giving information essential to our security and to the security of the Free World. Mr. McCone emphasized that he believed it was important that briefings on U. S. satellite reconnaissance capability be based upon and not go farther than the above statement.



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5. After further discussion, the USIB took the following actions:

a. Noted the statement by the Chairman referred to in paragraph 1 above as to the necessity for limiting any references to U.S. satellite reconnaissance capability.

b. Noted and concurred in the proposal by General Carter in paragraph 2 above regarding a CIA reply to the inquiry by Colonel Evang.

c. Agreed that similar briefings of intelligence chiefs of other NATO countries should not be given at this time.

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Executive Secretary

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